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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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April 14, 2008

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Anne K. Quinlan, Esquire Acting Secretary Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301(a) are two (2) copies of a Memorandum of Lease Agreement, dated as of April 14, 2008, a secondary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

The enclosed document relates to the Master Lease Agreement previously filed with the Board under Recordation Number 20342.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed document are:

Lessor: U.S. Bancorp Equipment Finance, Inc.

13010 SW 68<sup>th</sup> Parkway Portland, OR 97223

Lessee: Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad

Corporation

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A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed document is:

98 covered hopper railcars within the series DME 49100 - DME 49199 as more particularly set forth in the attachment to the document.

A short summary of the document to appear in the index is:

Memorandum of Lease Agreement.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$35.00 payable to the order of the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee.

Kindly return stamped copies of the enclosed document to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Alvord

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RECORDATION NO. 20342-FLED

### MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT

Equipment Finance, Inc.

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### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Memorandum of Lease Agreement is made and entered into on April 14, 2008 by and between U.S. Bancorp Equipment Finance, Inc. "Lessor", and, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation, "Lessee".

The undersigned have entered into that certain Master Lease Agreement dated October 23, 1996, whereby the Lessor has agreed to lease to the Lessee and the Lessee has agreed to lease from the Lessor certain property as listed on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, subject to the terms defined in the Schedule (Number 13440-001-0018468-001), dated April 14, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this Memorandum to be duly executed as of the date and year first above written.

Lessor:	Lessee:
U.S. Bancorp Equipment Finance, Inc.	Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation
BY: Hain 14 President An Authorized Officer	BY:
Executed on thisday of, 20	Executed on thisday of, 20
STATE OF OLICION SS. County of Washington	STATE OF) )SS.
County of Washington	County of
On 11 14, 2008 personally appeared before me, who being duly sworn, stated	On, personally appeared before me, who being duly sworn, stated
that he/size is the hourself U.S. Bancorp Equipment Finance, Inc., acknowledged the foregoing	that he/she is the of Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation, acknowledged the foregoing
instrument as voluntary act and deed of the Company by virtue of authority from its Board of Directors.	instrument as voluntary act and deed of the Company by virtue of authority from its Board of Directors.
Before me:	Before me:
Notary Public for My Commission Expires: 178	Notary Public for My Commission Expires:

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#### MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT

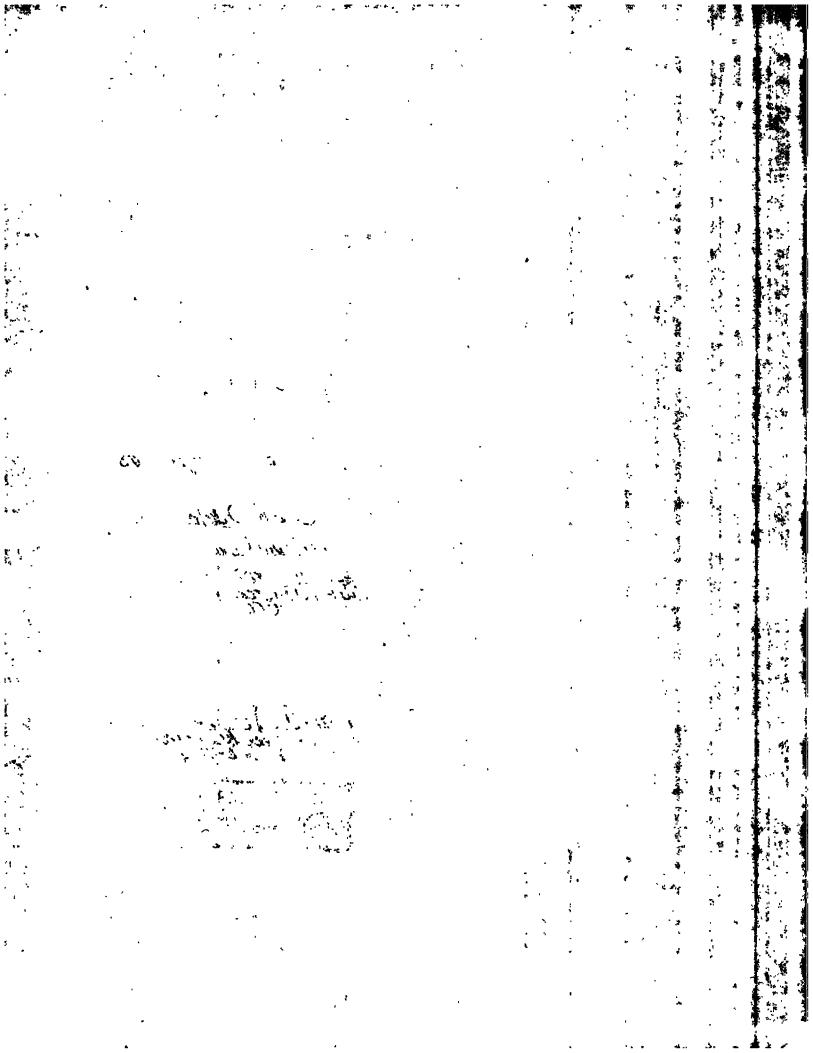
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Lessor: U.S. Bancorp Equipment Finance, Inc.	Lessee: Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation
BY:An Authorized Officer	BY:
Executed on thisday of, 20	Executed on this 10 day of 17, 2008.
STATE OF) SS. County of)	STATE OF South Dakofa SS.  County of Minnehoka
On, personally appeared before me, who being duly sworn, stated that he/she is the of U.S. Bancorp Equipment Finance, Inc., acknowledged the foregoing instrument as voluntary act and deed of the Company by virtue of authority from its Board of Directors.	On April 10, 2008 personally appeared before me, Kurt V. Feaster, who being duly sworn, stated that he/she is the of Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation, acknowledged the foregoing instrument as voluntary act and deed of the Company by virtue of authority from its Board of Directors.
Before me:	Before me:
Notary Public for My Commission Expires:	Notable Public for
6/00	CYNDE A. JERVIK



# Exhibit "A" TO MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT

Ninety Eight (98) 1997 Built 4870 cf covered hopper railcars, Serial Numbers as follows;

DME	49100	DME	49120	DME	49140	DME	49160	DME	49181
DME	49101	DME	49121	DME	49141	DME	49161	DME	49182
DME	49102	DME	49122	DME	49142	DME	49162	DME	49184
DME	49103	DME	49123	DME	49143	DME	49163	DME	49185
DME	49104	DME	49124	DME	49144	DME	49164	DME	49186
DME	49105	DME	49125	DME	49145	DME	49165	DME	49187
DME	49106	DME	49126	DME	49146	DME	49166	DME	49188
DME	49107	DME	49127	DME	49147	DME	49167	DME	49189
DME	49108	DME	49128	DME	49148	DME	49168	DME	49190
DME	49109	DME	49129	DME	49149	DME	49169	DME	49191
DME	49110	DME	49130	DME	49150	DME	49170	DME	49192
DME	49111	DME	49131	DME	49151	DME	49171	DME	49193
DME	49112	DME	49132	DME	49152	DME	49172	DME	49194
DME	49113	DME	49133	DME	49153	DME	49173	DME	49195
DME	49114	DME	49134	DME	49154	DME	49174	DME	49196
DME	49115	DME	49135	DME	49155	DME	49175	DME	49197
DME	49116	DME	49136	DME	49156	DME	49176	DME	49198
DME	49117	DME	49137	DME	49157	DME	49177	DME	49199
DME	49118	DME	49138	DME	49158	DME	49179		
DME	49119	DME	49139	DME	49159	DME	49180		

TOGETHER WITH ALL REPLACEMENTS, PARTS, REPAIRS, ADDITIONS, ACCESSIONS AND ACCESSORIES INCORPORATED THEREIN OR AFFIXED OR ATTACHED THERETO AND ANY AND ALL PROCEEDS OF THE FOREGOING, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, INSURANCE RECOVERIES.
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## **CERTIFICATION**

I, Robert W. Alvord, attorney licensed to practice in the State of New York and the
District of Columbia, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have compared the
attached copy with the original thereof and have found the copy to be complete and
identical in all respects to the original document.

Dated: 4/15/08

Robert W. Alvord